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TERRE HAUTE DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SHAWN M. DECKER, 29, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 41 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and manufacture or marijuana. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Evansville Police Department, Vincennes Police Department, Terre Haute Police Department, Gibson County Sheriff's Department, and Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

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On June 26, 2002, federal and state authorities executed a federal search warrant on Decker's residence, 8291 East Fenway Drive, Terre Haute. During the search warrant, law enforcement seized approximately 43.7 grams of methamphetamine and 34 live marijuana plants.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following DECKER's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, DECKER must get drug treatment.

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